



# RUR Rural Rezoning Schedule

## **Fall 2008 Project Initiation**

This project was first discussed in the fall of 2008. In an effort to keep property owners informed about the rezoning project and respond to their concerns, staff conducted workshops, held discussions at Planning Commission meetings and disseminated information by mail and on the City website concerning the progress of the project.

## **May 2009 Rural Agriculture District Request**

In May 2009, following several discussions with property owners, the City Council requested the Planning Commission to formulate a new zoning district for rural and agricultural uses. Work commenced immediately and several discussions have been held by the Planning Commission concerning the new District.

## **"R-A" Rural Agriculture District Regulations**

At their meeting on **September 22**, the Planning Commission recommended the basic regulations needed to establish the "R-A" Rural Agriculture District for the City of De Soto. This recommendation goes to the City Council on **October 15, 2009**. If approved by the City Council, the regulations will go into effect when published in the De Soto Explorer the following week. If additional review time and/or information is needed by the Council, the process could be delayed by at least one month.

## **Property Owner Notification**

Following adoption of the regulations for the "R-A" Rural Agriculture District, staff will notify all registered property owners via U.S. mail concerning the new district and give them the opportunity to choose the appropriate district for their property within the City zoning system.

If approved by the City Council in October, staff will notify property owners no later than **October 20, 2009** and prepare to submit a request to rezone all properties to a City zoning designation at the Planning Commission meeting on **November 24, 2009**. If approved by the Planning Commission, their recommendations will be presented to the City Council on **December 17, 2009**.

## **Additional Work Needed**

In addition to the regulations to be presented to the Council in October, the Planning Commission will continue to work on defining appropriate uses for the district as well as defining certain conditional or 'special' uses. Any input into these subjects is welcomed and encouraged. We hope to address these issues prior to the end of the year.

## **City Contact Information**

Updated information concerning the rezoning action is available on the City website at [www.desotoks.us](http://www.desotoks.us). You can also contact us by telephone or email at:

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We will be happy to provide information on individual properties and/or meet with you concerning the zoning process and how it may affect your property.